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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-11 and 14-20 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicants amend claims 16 and 17.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1-15 and 18-20 are allowed. Applicants note that it appears that the Examiner intended to indicate that claims 1, 3-11, 14, 15 and 18-20 are allowed, since claims 2, 12 and 13 have been canceled.

Claims 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for allegedly being indefinite. Applicants have amended claims 16 and 17 to depend on claim 11, instead of on canceled claim 12. Accordingly Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 3-11 and 14-20 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

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